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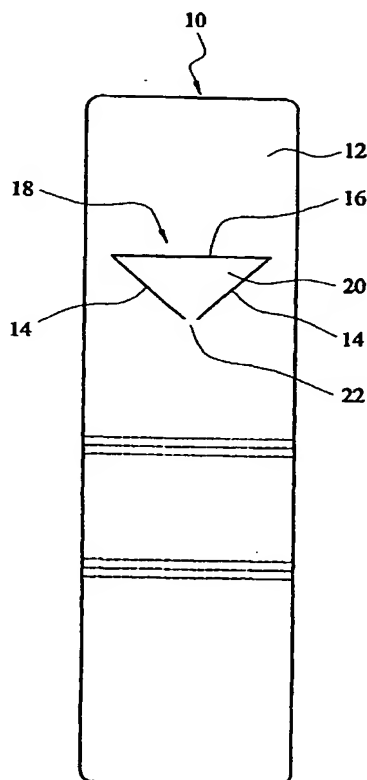
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(54) Title: MICROWAVABLE FOOD PACKAGE HAVING A VENTING VALVE



(57) **Abstract:** Apparatus for enabling the alleviation of excess pressure created within a food package as a result of steam generation during cooking and more particularly microwave cooking, said apparatus comprises a product identification band (10), wrapping member (10) or label (10) which serve to encircle, partially encircle or wrap around a dish format container and/or to identify the contents of said container. The label being formed with a flap or valve through which pressure vents.

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